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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Daisuke SHINOHARA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/656,140  
Filed: September 6, 2000  
For: A REMOTE MAINTENANCE METHOD OF AN INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Group: 2143  
Examiner: T. Mauro Jr.

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 14, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 14, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.